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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 197

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the administration of welfare
7 programs for needy persons."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 47.25.170 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 47.25.170. GRANTING OF ASSISTANCE. Upon the completion of
11 its investigation, the department shall decide whether the applicant
12 is eligible for and should receive assistance promptly under secs. 120 -
13 300 of this chapter, the amount of assistance, the manner of paying or
14 providing it, and the date on which the assistance shall begin. The
15 department shall notify the applicant of its decision in writing, and
16 if the application is denied, the notification shall include the reasons
17 for denial and the opportunity for appeal under sec. 180 of this
18 chapter.

19 * Sec. 2. AS 47.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

20 Sec. 47.25.175. EFFECT OF CHANGE AND APPEAL. Termination of
21 benefits to an individual under secs. 120 - 300 of this chapter, or
22 reduction of the benefits by an amount exceeding 25 per cent of the
23 amount extended during the previous benefit period is not effective
24 until 30 days after notification to the recipient in writing of the
25 proposed change, reasons for the change and opportunity for a fair hear-
26 ing. If a hearing is demanded within this period no discontinuance or
27 modification is effective until the hearing is granted.

28 * Sec. 3. AS 47.25.360 is amended to read:

29 Sec. 47.25.360. GRANTING OF ASSISTANCE. Upon completion of the

1 investigation the department shall decide whether the child is
2 eligible for assistance under secs. 310 - 420 of this chapter, the
3 amount of assistance and the date on which it starts. The department
4 shall notify the person having custody of the child of its decision
5 in writing, and if the application is denied, the notification
6 shall include the reasons for denial and the opportunity for appeal
7 under sec. 370 of this chapter. The assistance shall be paid monthly
8 to the person having custody of the child upon order of the depart-
9 ment.

10 * Sec. 4. AS 47.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 Sec. 47.25.362. EFFECT OF CHANGE AND APPEAL. Termination of
12 benefits to an individual under secs. 310 - 420 of this chapter, or
13 reduction of the benefits by an amount exceeding 25 per cent of the
14 amount extended during the previous benefit period, is not effective
15 until 30 days after notification to the person having custody of the
16 child in writing of the proposed change, reasons for the change, and
17 the opportunity for a fair hearing. If a hearing is demanded within
18 this period, no discontinuance or modification is effective until the
19 hearing is granted.

20 * Sec. 5. AS 47.25.460(a) is amended to read:

21 (a) Upon completion of the investigation, the department shall
22 decide whether the applicant is eligible for and should receive old age
23 assistance, the amount of it, the manner of paying it and the date on
24 which it starts. The department may make additional investigation
25 which it considers necessary, and shall make its decision as to the
26 granting of assistance and the amount and nature of it as in its opinion
27 is justified and in conformity with secs. 430 - 610 of this chapter.
28 The department shall notify the applicant of its decision in writing,
29 and if the application is denied, the notification shall include the

1 reasons for denial and the opportunity for a fair hearing provided by
2 (c) of this section.

3 * Sec. 6. AS 47.25.460 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 (d) Discontinuance or modification of assistance is not effective
5 until 30 days after notification to the recipient in writing of the
6 proposed change, reasons for the change, and the opportunity for a
7 fair hearing. If a hearing is demanded within this period, no discon-
8 tinuance or modification is effective until the hearing is granted.

9 * Sec. 7. AS 47.25.670 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 47.25.670. GRANTING OF ASSISTANCE. Upon completion of its
11 investigation, the department shall decide whether the applicant is
12 eligible for assistance under secs. 620 - 780 of this chapter, the
13 amount of assistance, and the date on which it starts. The department
14 shall notify the applicant of its decision in writing, and if the
15 application is denied, the notification shall include the reasons for
16 denial, and the opportunity for appeal under sec. 680 of this chapter.

17 * Sec. 8. AS 47.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

18 Sec. 47.25.675. EFFECT OF CHANGE AND APPEAL. Discontinuance or
19 modification of assistance is not effective until 30 days after notifi-
20 cation to the recipient in writing of the proposed change, reasons for
21 the change, and the opportunity for a fair hearing. If a hearing is
22 demanded within this period, no discontinuance or modification is
23 effective until the hearing is granted.

24 * Sec. 9. AS 47.25.840 is amended to read:

25 Sec. 47.25.840. GRANTING OF ASSISTANCE. Upon the completion of
26 its investigation, the department shall decide promptly whether or not
27 the applicant is eligible for and should receive assistance under
28 secs. 790 - 970 of this chapter, the amount of assistance, the manner
29 of paying or providing it, and the date on which the assistance shall

1 begin. The department shall notify the applicant of its decision in
2 writing, and if the application is denied, the notification shall include
3 the reasons for denial and the opportunity for appeal under sec. 850 of
4 this chapter.

5 * Sec. 10. AS 47.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 Sec. 47.25.845. EFFECT OF CHANGE OR APPEAL. Discontinuance or
7 modification of assistance is not effective until 30 days after notifi-
8 cation to the recipient in writing of the proposed change, reasons for
9 the change and the opportunity for a fair hearing. If a hearing is
10 demanded within this period, no discontinuance or modification is
11 effective until the hearing is granted.